SECOND DAY.

Tuesday, 17th October 1939.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion at 12 of the clock on Tuesday, 17th October 1939, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

Before the commencement of the proceedings, **Mr. MAYI GOWDA** represented that Victoria Rupee-coins were being rejected as uncurrent in the villages and ignorant people were being inconvenienced very much on that account. He prayed that a circular be issued to the effect that such coins should not be rejected by any one.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (**Mr. A. N. Raghavachar**) explained that Victoria Rupee-coins continued to be legal tender, that this fact had been already notified in *The Mysore Gazette* and that nobody could reject the coins with impunity. The only understanding was that when such coins came back to the treasuries, they would not be re-issued, being very old.

Mrs. SAKAMMA complained that in her own case, the toll-gate keeper at Kabbahalli had recently refused to accept Victoria coins.

Mr. A. N. RAGHAVACHAR promised that wide publicity would again be given to the fact that such coins continued to be legal tender.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Bus Services between Bombay and Madras Presidencies and the Mysore Territory.

Q.—15. **Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY** (Pavagada Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number and names of frontier taluks bordering Bombay and Madras Presidencies;

(*b*) the number of bus services from that area to the Mysore Territory and *vice versa*?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. Subrahmanya Aiyar).**—

(*a*) 33.

NAMES OF TALUKS BORDERING BRITISH TERRITORY.

Kadur District ...	...	2	Mudigere and Koppa Taluks.
Chitaldrug District	...	6	Harihar, Davangere, Jagalur, Molakalmuru, Challakere and Hiriyur.
Shimoga District ...	...	5	Tirthahalli, Nagar, Sagar, Sorab and Shikarpur.
Hassan District ...	...	2	Arkalgud and Saklespur.
Mysore District ... * (Mandya District)	...	8	T.-Narsipur, Chamarajanagar, Yelandur, Gundlupet, Heggadadevankote, Hunsur, Malavalli * and Periyapatna.
Bangalore District	...	1	Anekal Taluk.
Kolar District ...	...	6	Malur, Bowringpet, Mulbagal, Srinivasapur, Bagepalli and Goribidnur.
Tumkur District	...	3	Sira, Pavagada and Madhugiri.
Total	...	33	

(*b*) 83.

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—Are the Government aware that buses from Pavagada to Madhugiri have to pass through British Indian territory over a distance of 10 miles on the way and are subjected to double taxation, *viz.*, the toll-gate fee as well as road cess to the British Indian authorities?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—For passing through different jurisdictions, taxes have to be paid to all the concerned authorities. But that could not be characterised as double taxation

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—On a former occasion when the same question was brought to the notice of Government they had promised to make some reciprocal arrangements with the neighbouring Governments. Will necessary arrangements be made now at least which may bring relief to the poor contractors?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—Reciprocal arrangements imply the consent of more than one party.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—How do you say it is double taxation?

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—The British Indian authorities may be entitled to road cess because the buses pass through their portion of the road also. But why should they insist on collecting vehicle tax also?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—There are certain practical difficulties in the matter. However, the matter is under correspondence and Government will do their best to arrive at a satisfactory understanding.

Supply of Electric Power to Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira Taluks.

Q.—17. Mr. G. RAMIAH (Koratagere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether a scheme was not prepared by Government for the supply of electric power to Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira Taluks;

(*b*) whether the estimate prepared in this behalf has not been included in the list of unsanctioned estimates;

(*c*) whether the place has not been inspected and local enquiries instituted by the authorities and whether the Chief Electrical Engineer has not furnished a favourable opinion in the matter;

(*d*) whether the raiyats of Koratagere and Madhugiri Taluks have not voluntarily come forward to take up 200 electric pumps in each taluk for agricultural purposes and whether they have not previously given their statements to this effect;

(*e*) whether the authorities have taken action to find out the genuineness of their representation and whether they have instituted necessary enquiries;

(*f*) whether they are aware that strong promises were held out both by the Dewan Saheb during his tour and the concerned authorities in the District Conference to arrange for the supply of electric power this year alone?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Sir H. N. Colam).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government are not aware of any such statements.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*d*).

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—With reference to answer (*a*), how long is it since the scheme was prepared?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—I could not tell you exactly.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—When was investigation in respect of this scheme commenced?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—I cannot tell you the date.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—At least in what year was the investigation commenced?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—The total income expected would be about half the cost of supply of electricity. Therefore the scheme was dropped for the time being, as unremunerative.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Do not the people of Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira taluks require electricity mainly for agricultural purposes?